

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

MATTHEW F. ABBOTT, )  
a resident of Indiana, )  
Plaintiff, )  
v. ) CASE NO: 08 C 642  
STARLINGER NORTH AMERICA, INC., )  
an Illinois Corporation, )  
MAPLAN MASCHINEN und TECHNISCHE )  
ANLAGEN PLANUNGS und FERTIGUNGS )  
Gesellschaft m.b.H, an Austrian company, and )  
STARLINGER & COMPANY Gesellschaft )  
m.b.H, an Austrian company, )  
Defendants. )

REQUEST FOR INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE

The United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, presents its compliments to the appropriate Judicial Authority in Austria and requests international judicial assistance to effect Service of Process upon a named defendant in the captioned Civil proceeding currently pending before this Court.

Plaintiff has filed a claim in the above captioned matter including, but not limited to, allegations of negligence in the defective and unreasonably dangerous conditions of the "Maplan Moulding Machine" in question, causing Plaintiff to suffer damages. Plaintiff seeks judgment for damages as allowed by law.

This Court requests the assistance described herein as necessary in the interests of justice. It has been represented to this Court that defendant, Starlinger & Company Gesellschaft mbH, can presently be served at the following address:

**Starlinger & Company Gesellschaft mbH**  
**Sonnenuhrgasse 4**  
**A-1060 Vienna**  
**AUSTRIA**

This Court respectfully requests that you cause one copy of the attached documents, Summons in a Civil Case, and Complaint, with Austrian court certified German translations thereof, to be served upon **Starlinger & Company Gesellschaft mbH** at the above address by leaving with a director, officer, or other entity authorized to accept the service of civil process in the manner prescribed for service of similar documents under the laws of Austria.

This Court further requests that, after service has been made, you cause the person who serves the documents upon **Starlinger & Company Gesellschaft mbH** to execute a Certificate of Service and return it, together with a copy of the documents served, to this Court at the address below.

Plaintiff's counsel, Kenneth J. Allen & Associates, P.C., 1109 Glendale Boulevard, Valparaiso, Indiana, 46383 USA, stand ready to reimburse your authority for all expenses incurred in executing this request for judicial assistance.

This Court also assures your authority that it will reciprocate with similar assistance in like cases and extends to the Judicial Authorities in Austria the assurance of its highest consideration.

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DATE

Honorable John W. Darrah  
The United States District Court  
Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division  
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This Court requests the assistance described herein as necessary in the interests of justice. It has been represented to this Court that defendant, **Maplan Maschinen und technische**, can presently be served at the following address:

**Maplan Maschinen und technische  
Schoellergasse 9  
A-2630 Ternitz  
AUSTRIA**

This Court respectfully requests that you cause one copy of the attached documents, Summons in a Civil Case, and Complaint, with Austrian court certified German translations thereof, to be served upon **Maplan Maschinen und technische** at the above address by leaving with a director, officer, or other entity authorized to accept the service of civil process in the manner prescribed for service of similar documents under the laws of Austria.

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